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Winterizing Your Car Could Save Your Life In a Snow Storm

Fall is the perfect time to begin winterizing and assembling a winter car kit, says _____, Emergency Management Director. Winterizing the family car is simple. Before the thermometer drops, car owners need to check the antifreeze, oil and fluid levels, the heating system, and get snow tires or make sure the all-weather tires have plenty of tread.

One of the most important things you can do is to keep your car's gas tank full. Listen to upcoming weather reports and fill the gas tank before the bad weather hits, _____ said.

Assemble a Winter Car Kit

A ***Winter Car Kit*** can literally save your life during a snowstorm. Wise drivers store emergency supplies in their car trunks, _____ said.

Items in your ***Winter Car Kit*** should include: a battery-powered radio with spare batteries (in case your car radio fails), a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit with a manual, an extra blanket or two, and extra clothing. Booster cables are important for any time of the year but especially in winter to restart a dead battery.

A shovel, a box of sand or old house shingles is a must. The sand and/or the shingles will give tires needed traction to get out of a snow band and back on the road. It might not be a bad idea to store salt for your driveway, too! The melting snow might be easier to shovel and cause less strain on your heart.

Anyone who travels with children knows the importance of having snacks and drinking water on long trips. If you store these items in the car trunk now, they will be handy if you get caught in a storm.

If you have car trouble on the road, a fluorescent orange cloth tied to the antenna and safety flares will alert other drivers that you need help.